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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Case No. 00-713-i13)

In re Application of:)
Chad A. Mirkin, et al.)
Serial No.: 09/975,384) Examiner: J. Riley
Filed: October 11, 2001) Art Unit: 1637
For: NANOPARTICLES HAVING) Confirmation no. 9813
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED NOVEMBER 17, 2003

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office action dated November 17, 2003. A Petition for an extension of time (three months) and requisite fee are attached herewith. Please amend this application as shown below.